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Food and Drug Administration College Park, MD 20740

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Re: Notification for a health claim based on an authoritative statement

Dear Dr. Brown:

This letter acknowledges receipt on February 4, by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the health claim notification you submitted pursuant to Section 403(r)(3) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 343(r)(3)). The notification is informing FDA of a health claim characterizing the relationship between the consumption of whole grains and reduced risk of coronary heart disease. The health claim is based on an authoritative statement from the National Academy of Sciences report entitled "Diet and Health: Implications for Reducing Chronic Disease Risk."

The notification is undergoing FDA review. In accordance with Section 403(r)(3)(C) of the act, within 120 days (ending on June 4, 2005) of receipt of your health claim notification, you will be informed by FDA if the notification does not comply with Section 403(r)(3) of the act. A lack of action by FDA within the 120-day period will deem the proposed health claim approved and will allow a food with a label containing the claims to be introduced into interstate commerce.

If you have any questions concerning this notification, please feel free to contact me at (301) 436-2031 or julie.moss@fda.gov.

> Sincerely, Shelle anderso

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Consumer Safety Officer

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